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NOTES OF OTHER SOCIETIES, ETC.

The American Philological Association, the Archaeological Institute of America and the Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis held their annual meetings at Columbia University on December 26-28. The annual conference of Biblical Instructors in American Colleges and Secondary Schools was held at the same time. The institutions were hospitably entertained by Columbia University and President Butler. Of general interest was the joint session in the evening of the 27th when Prof. Howard Crosby Butler made an address on 'The Future Protection of the Historical Monuments of Nearer Asia.'

The officers of the previous year were in general continued. Prof. Mitchell Carroll was made Curator of the Washington offices, and Prof. G. M. Whicher General Secretary.

An interesting event in the program of the Society of Biblical Literature was a Symposium on Critical Method in the Study of the Old Testament. This was participated in by Prof. G. A. Barton with a 'Survey of the Results and Present Status of Critical Study'; Prof. K. Fullerton, on 'The Method and Scope of Documentary Analysis and Textual Criticism'; Prof. C. C. Torrey, on 'The Use of the Versions'; Prof. A. T. Olmstead, on 'Critical Method and the Utilization of Historical Data'; Prof. J. Morgenstern, on 'Critical Method and the Use of Archaeological Data.' The officers elected for the ensuing year are: Prof. E. J. Goodspeed, president; Prof. A. T. Clay, vice-president; Prof. H. J. Cadbury, recording secretary; Prof. M. L. Margolis, corresponding secretary; Prof. G. Dahl, treasurer.

The Managing Committee of the School of Oriental Research at Jerusalem met in connection with the above gatherings. It reëlected the present Executive Committee of the School, which took action on some important matters looking forward to the early opening of the School. Prof. W. H. Worrell of Hartford Seminary was elected Director. The Committee on the Babylonian School of Archaeology having elected Prof. A. T. Clay of Yale University as its first Annual Professor, Dr. Clay was appointed a member of the faculty of the School in Jeru-

salem. A Fellow will also probably be commissioned for this year. It is hoped that these gentlemen will be able to go to their posts in the coming year. Immediate steps are being taken to raise funds for placing the Jerusalem School on an adequate financial basis and to utilize the gift of Mrs. J. B. Nies for the erection of a building. The Archaeological Institute appropriated \$1,000 for a fellowship and \$500 for the Babylonian School of Archaeology. The School asks for the hearty coöperation of all interested in Oriental study. Communications should be addressed to Prof. J. A. Montgomery, chairman, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, or Prof. G. A. Barton, secretary and treasurer, Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, Pa.

The following identical action has been taken by the National Institute of Arts and Letters, the Archaeological Institute of America, the American Philological Association, and this Society (acting through its Board of Directors):

Resolved: That it is urgently necessary that immediate steps should be taken to organize the control and protection of the historic monuments and objects of art of all periods in those parts of Nearer Asia which as the result of the war have come under the influence of the Associated Powers, and that the opportunity offered by the Peace Conference should be seized upon to put an end to the systematic neglect and destruction of historic monuments, to the commercialization of antiquities, and to the obstruction of legitimate scientific exploration and excavation, which have hitherto prevailed in countries under Turkish rule, and

That advantage of the present opportunity should be taken to call to the attention of the American representatives at the Peace Conference the importance of safeguarding American scientific interests in exploration and excavation, and the legitimate rights of American Museums.

The Council of the Archaeological Institute voted to ask Mr. William H. Buckler to act as its representative in calling the attention of the American Peace Commissioners to the matter of preserving the historical monuments in the Nearer East.